

"If you fall down seven times, get up eight."

- Japanese proverb -

Please give a hearty welcome to our new League Administrator!



Due to the continued growth of the league, WHAM has contracted with a league administrator to assist with administrative tasks and communications. Please welcome **Erika Hockinson-Spade** as the new WHAM League Administrator! Erika has played in WHAM for the last four years and currently plays for the Maneraqs at the A1 level, but began her skating career at age three, starting by playing ringette and then transitioning to hockey in the eighth grade. She played high school hockey for South St. Paul and collegiate hockey for Yale, where she majored in pre-med and psychology. In addition to coaching youth hockey, Erika has hockey administration experience working as the league director and ice coordinator for Showcase Hockey. WHAM was fortunate to have many qualified and talented candidates who expressed interest in the position. Your division commissioners remain your first point of contact for most issues and questions but Erika can be reached at leagueadmim@whamhockey.org.

Important Reminder for Games Played in District 3

Referees in District 3 (D3) have let WHAM know about a concern they have regarding payment of referees. There have evidently been issues with the referees not getting paid at game time. The D3 referee scheduler has notified WHAM that D3 referees have been instructed not to take the ice until they are paid in full. D3 is composed of arenas in St Louis Park, Hopkins, Wayzata, Plymouth, New Hope, Osseo, Maple Grove, Orono, Breck, Blake, and Brooklyn Park area but officials in all districts must be paid their fees at the time of the game. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

WHAM Continues to Grow!

The final tally is in! This season we registered and rostered 1370 players and 122 coaches; this compares to a total of 1349 members last season.

Mid-Season Standouts

Can you believe the season is half over?! At the midpoint in the season (as of January 10, 2010), give a shout out to the top jocks and teams in the divisions:

C3 DIVISION

Goalies (played > 1 game)	Team	Save Percentage
Kris Duryea	Hot Tamales	.948
Kasie Barnes	Goal Diggers	.921
Susan Hamilton	Breakaways	.868
Skaters	Team	Points (Goals & Assists)
Jody Riegert	Hot Tamales	21



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Nancy Reibel	Goal Diggers	18
Joanna Vagle	Hot Flash	14
Julie Hokeness	Women on Edge	11
Sarah Crohn	Goal Diggers	11
Leaders of the Pack – Teams	Division	Total Points; W-L-T
Goal Diggers	N/A	21 pts; 10-1-1
Hot Tamales	N/A	17 pts; 8-1-1
Women on Edge	N/A	10 pts; 5-4-0
Hot Flash	N/A	8 pts; 4-5-0

C2 DIVISION

Goalies (played > 1 game)	Team	Save Percentage
Sue Gale	Brooklyn Bombers	.970
Beth Chaplin	The Cardinal	.951
Leah Hiniker	Cheap Skates	.939
Skaters	Team	Points (Goals & Assists)
Ellie Becker	Thunderbirds	22
Dana Cudo	Cheap Skates	20
Karn Carroll	Surge	20
Brenda Abraham	Cheap Skates	19
Melinda Ewing	Ice Pack	16
Leaders of the Pack – Teams	Division	Total Points; W-L-T
Cheap Skates	Red	25 pts; 12-0-1
Ice Pack	Blue	20 pts; 9-3-2
Thunderbirds	Blue	19 pts; 9-0-1
The Cardinal	Blue	17 pts; 7-1-3

C1 DIVISION

Goalies (played > 1 game)	Team	Save Percentage
Jennifer Colling	Jets	.991
June Sackette	Northern Stars	.976
Julie Reinardy	Billy's	.947
Skaters	Team	Points (Goals & Assists)
Heidi Hanley	River Heights Raptors	26
Kristel Vukonich	Ice Hawks	21
Megan Stang	Blue Diamonds	21
Jenn Graf	Power Play	20
Karen Waldemarsen	Billy's	20
Leaders of the Pack – Teams	Division	Total Points; W-L-T
Billy's	Black	24; 12-2-0
River Heights Raptors	Black	23; 11-2-1
Tracy's	White	23; 10-1-3
Power Play	White	23; 11-2-0



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WHAM Hall of Fame

WHAM is again soliciting nominations for the WHAM Hall of Fame. The candidate must be either a current or former WHAM member, or a former Minnesota Girls' & Women's Hockey Association (former league name) or Minnesota Women's Hockey League (former league name) member. Members include players, coaches, managers and volunteer board members. The ideal candidate has been involved in league activities and the development of girls' and women's hockey for a minimum of ten years. The candidate should be a positive role model for all girls and women in the sport and be respectful of the rules governing our association.

- ☞ **Players:** A player who has performed with excellence and promotes the sport as a positive role model.
- ☞ **Coaches:** A coach who has distinguished himself/herself by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character, and athletic achievement during his/her time in the league and contributes to the growth and development of women's hockey.
- ☞ **Manager/Volunteer Board Member:** A manager or volunteer board member who has been a loyal and devoted supporter of girls' and women's hockey.

The nomination form is posted on the WHAM website and all nominations must be submitted by February 20, 2010.

WHAM Night at the Lady Gophers

Minnesota vs. Minnesota State; Saturday, January 30 @ 4 pm

Ridder Arena (1901 4th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455)

Join the University of Minnesota women's hockey team and all WHAM friends and family for some hockey at Ridder Arena! Discounted tickets are \$4 each for all WHAM friends and family. The \$4 includes a ticket in the club room, pizza and soda (pizza will arrive at 3:15 pm; doors open at 3 pm). There is no limit on tickets, however, all tickets must be ordered prior to deadline to receive discount. Tickets must be ordered ten (10) days in advance to receive tickets by mail or five (5) days in advance for tickets to be at will call. For questions please call Deborah at 612-625-4582 or diamo010@umn.edu. The WHAM ticket order form is located on the WHAM website at http://www.whamhockey.org/page/show_article/101481/38723. Don't miss the special ceremony honoring the 2009 National Champions!

Hockey Weekend Across America

The 3rd annual Hockey Weekend Across America, presented by Reebok, is a 3-day, nationwide celebration of the sport of hockey and will take place Jan. 29 – 31, 2010. Each of the 3 days has a theme:

- ☞ **Friday:** *Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey*; presented by shopusahockey.com
- ☞ **Saturday:** *Bring a Fried to the Rink*; presented by the NHL, and
- ☞ **Sunday:** *Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes*; presented by Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports

USA Hockey is conducting a best *Hockey Weekend Across America* programming contest for its local associations across the country, with the grand-prize winner receiving a voucher for \$5,000 of Reebok Hockey gear. Additionally, four runners-up will receive \$1,000 of Reebok Hockey goods. The entry form can be obtained at www.HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com.

All NHL, minor professional, NCAA Division I and III men's and women's, United States Hockey League and North American Hockey League teams playing at home during *Hockey Weekend Across America* will receive



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Hockey Weekend Across America pucks to utilize as part of a ceremonial puck drop to help celebrate the event.

New this year is a “Why Hockey Rocks” video contest. Fans can upload an up to 60-second video of why they believe hockey is the greatest sport. Voting began January 1st and a total of 16 winners will receive a minimum of \$300 in Reebok Hockey merchandise, while the overall winner will collect \$2,500 in Reebok Hockey gear. You can vote for your favorite video once per day at www.HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com. Check out this video highlighting women’s hockey (Storm): <http://www.reebokhockey.com/hwaa/all-moves/169/?page=4>. For more information go to: www.HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com.

Summer Internship Opportunity

Job Title: Summer Intern, Player Development camps

Department: Women’s Hockey Department

Reports To: Director, Women’s Ice Hockey

Basic Function: Support day-to-day operations and general responsibilities for the Director of Women’s Ice Hockey

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ⓢ Provide on site and off site administrative support to the Girls’ Player Development Camps.
- Ⓢ Maintain multiple databases and electronic filing system.
- Ⓢ Communicate effectively and efficiently with members and volunteers via telephone and e-mail.
- Ⓢ Assist in event and administrative coordination for teams participating in international competitions.
- Ⓢ Coordinate and assist with travel and meeting specifics.
- Ⓢ Perform other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Ⓢ Enthusiastic, positive attitude.
- Ⓢ Strong work ethic.
- Ⓢ Must be comfortable working in a demanding, fast-paced environment.
- Ⓢ Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills.
- Ⓢ Ability to effectively manage several projects simultaneously.
- Ⓢ Ability to work with field volunteers, and senior staff.
- Ⓢ Strong computer skills essential with knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Outlook).
- Ⓢ Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ⓢ Experience and understanding of non-profit, volunteer organizations.
- Ⓢ College degree preferred.
- Ⓢ Experience and interest in the sport of hockey.

LOCATION: Colorado Springs, CO

AVAILABILITY: May 2010 - August 2010

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

APPLICATION PROCESS: To apply, submit a letter of application, current resume, and a list of references by mail, email or fax to: (no phone calls please)

USA Hockey, Inc.

Attn: Marissa Halligan, Women’s Hockey Dept.

1775 Bob Johnson Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

marissah@usahockey.org; Fax: 719-538-1160



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Important Upcoming Dates

- ☞ Saturday, January 30, 2010; 3 pm; WHAM Night at the Minnesota Lady Gopher game; Ridder Arena
- ☞ Sunday, February 28, 2010; last day games may be played
- ☞ March 18 – 21, 2010; WHAM State Tournament at Schwan Super Rink
- ☞ March 26 – 28, 2010; Nationals in Green Bay, WI
- ☞ **Saturday, April 24, 2010; 9:00 am – Spring Meeting at Schwan Center***

***Teams must send one representative to avoid fine.**

C Division Contacts

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